

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 32, 35-37, 39-45, and 47-51 are pending in the instant application. Claims 33, 38, and 46 are cancelled in this Amendment. Claims 1-31 were cancelled in previous Amendments. The Applicant accepts the Examiner's allowability of claims 32, 35, 40-43, and 48-51. The Applicant has amended claims 36 and 44 to put these claims, and all claims depending therefrom, in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections: Claim 33

The Examiner has objected to claim 33 for failing to further limit claim 32, from which claim 33 directly depends. The Applicant has cancelled claim 33 thus making this objection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112¶2:

Claims 36-39 and 44-47 currently stand rejected under §112¶2 as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has amended claims 36 and 44 to clarify that the atmospheric plasma discharge is generated between spaced apart parallel electrodes which are either flat electrodes or concentric electrodes. As such, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 36 and 44, and all claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and requests such allowance. This Amendment is being filed timely, thus, it is believed that no fees are presently due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2789, in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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